

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Huizenga called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (17/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Emmons and McConico (2/19)

The **Chair** referred **House Bills 5812, 5849 and 5850** to the Subcommittee on Business Regulation.

Representative Meisner, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 7, 2006. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **Senate Bill 922** before the committee.

SB 922	Sikkema	Economic development; renaissance zones; eligibility; designation of an additional renaissance zone.
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Senator Cassis testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Senator Cropsey testified in **support** of the bill.

Paul Kluuwe, City Manager of Edmore, MI, testified in **support** of the bill.

Vice-Chair Baxter assumed the Chair, the time being **9:25 a.m.**

Representative Elsenheimer testified in **support** of the bill.

Chair Huizenga resumed the Chair, the time being **9:30 a.m.**

Senator Stamas testified in **support** of the bill.

Jeff Radcliffe, representing the Otsego County Economic Alliance, testified in **support** of the bill.

Representative Proos testified in **support** of the bill.

Steve Silcox, representing Modern Plastics Corporation, testified in **support** of the bill.

James McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified on the bill and answered questions.

Jamie Clover Adams, from the Senate Majority Policy Office, explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Jennifer Hayes, from the House Republican Policy Office, explained the intent of a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

John Tierney, representing Dow Corning, submitted a testimony card indicating he would speak if needed; however, he did not speak.

Jared Rodriguez, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and The Right Place, Inc., submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Schuitmaker, supported by **Representative Jones**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, the **Chair** excused **Representatives Emmons** and **McConico**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chair Huizenga** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:00 a.m.**

Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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